

CHAMELEON TOURS

PART ONE

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Fresh from her prize article for science weekly, FIONA PLUMPTION leaves for MACRAE CASTLE. It's a long drive through the valley and along the shores of Loch Ness then left and over the drawbridge .

The moon is full and light comes from the main door as she drives straight over and into the courtyard, climbs out of her yellow porche then pulls across a hanging basket and opens the large Oak double doors .

Once inside BASIL is waiting for her

BASIL HELLO again Fiona back so soon..

FIONA PLUMPTION My editor was pleased with the exclusive and let me go early.

BASIL This won't be the first time the idea of opening the castle to the public has come up , though DOOGLE MACREA, the third laird of the castle would turn in his grave if he heard of such an idea.

FIONA PLUMPTION Well he's a bundle of fun isn't he .

MARGARET Yes but he's in charge till McCrea gets back .
Basil helps her with her bags past the MACREA coat of arms up to
the first floor landing where Margaret joins
her on a blue lois escargot sofa .

FIONA PLUMPTON He wants me to make a visitor's brochure
for the first Group arriving tomorrow .

MARGARET I suspect you want some of me plumb
pudding before you retire. It was given to me by my mother on her
deathbed and the master swears by it.

FIONA PLUMPTON Terrific Margaret I'm counting on you two
as invaluable research assistance during my stay.

FIONA PLUMPTON Gathering of the clans, that is a
fine subjection .

BASIL I'll fix up the SANCTUM for a BINGO
NIGHT .

PLUMPTON Well done Professor Plum If
MAREA doesn't make his mind up soon I'll have to be miss Scarlet .

MARGARET You'll have to consult the archives
on the story of BLACK JAMIE.

FIONA PLUMPTON Who's he

BASIL The third laird of the clan, and the
roughest, I'll show you after you've unpacked.

Fiona excuses herself and walks past the library around the first
floor oak banister to her room in the west wing below the bell tower.
She flops onto the double bed and reaches into the cabinet for her
filofax , before calling the team at JUGHEAD.

KEN STARKER You getting the pre launch party
ready FIONA .

FIONA PLUMPTON We might open the Castle to the
public and I've got to make up the brochures .

.KEN STRAKER We head to BRAY STUDIOS for
sound recording and post production Once we finish the show Then
we'll be joining you up there .

PLUMPTON In the meantime I have to see about the
legend of BLACK JAMIE.

KEN STRAKER WHO'S HE

FIONA PLUMPTON Laird of the manor hoping to get that
Pulitzer picture of the MONSTER .

KEN STRAKER Go ahead and open the Castle, find
NESSY and I'll speak to you tomorrow.

FIONA PLUMPTON Till then I'm going sight seeing with
one of the locals .

She leaves her bedroom and goes down the main staircase into the afternoon sunshine , and then out into the courtyard. From there it's a short walk to the tourist information center where her guide is waiting for her.

Gerald Hello Miss Plumpton are you ready, I've been told to give you a tour of the loch .

FIONA PLUMPTON Lets go and you can tell me about the third laird of the manor , I understand he was a ruthless clan chief.

GERALD Oh black Jamie and his defense of this district, and the battle of CULLODEN 1745 .

FIONA PLUMPTON och ey

GERALD The DUKE OF CUMBERLAND chased the Jacobite army from the battlefield and many of them held up at McCrea Castle .It is said that Cumberland conducted war games after the main battle.

FIONA PLUMPTON The Jacobites had to hide from the Duke of Cumberland?



That evening FIONA PLUMPTON returns to Macrea castle after a leisurely stroll around the loch with GERALD from the tourist information center .

She pulls aside the hinging basket and presses the intercom for BASIL TO OPEN THE MAIN DOOR

FIONA PLUMPTON Thanks for the tour .

GERALD .Maybe Black Jamie conducted war games with you Fiona

Get ready for a group of tourists

The next day she is hard at work making up a visitors brochure, and investigating the history , when she gets a call from DUNCAN

MACRÉA. She leaves the large study and comes to the first floor landing and down the main steps pausing next to the large leaded window casting light on the coat of arms.

So what's your opinion Fiona,

With few signs marking areas

which are off limits and this brochure it'll be fine .

I'll only accept one party at a time and

I don't want the family home altered drastically .

Yes DUNCAN just time for one

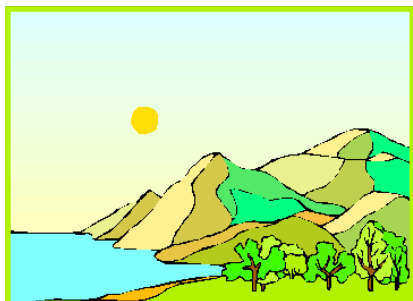
more highland walk and then your guests arrive .

She continues down the stairs to the black and white tiled entrance hall where BASIL is taking the stay from the doors .

Back in time for our guests .

We're ready for them .

Fiona takes a leisurely walk around the lock and then makes her way up to the west wing of the castle right up to the turret opening the old door to a fresh morning breeze.BASIL hands her powerful binoculars .





That evening when their guest's have retired BASIL takes Fiona up to the east turret.

FIONA looks into her powerful binoculars as the guests walk through the court yard, over the moat and down a loose gravel path to the lakeside.

Basil What do you think of them

MARGARET, suspect if you ask me .

MARGARET , C minus from the charm school

FIONA PLUMPTON They're standing by the lake

waiting .

BASIL This late in the evening ?

PLUMPTON Hold on there basil .



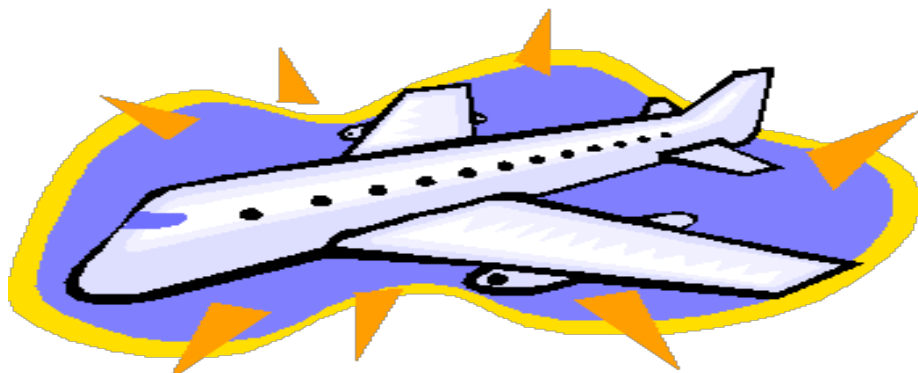
The calm still waters are broken by a large oblong black shape with a funnel that opens up. Uniformed men come out and place a gang plank to the lakeside .

PLUMPTON There not getting away with this

.She leaves THE EAST TURRET OF THE CASTLE and bounds down the main stairs then over to an INTERCOM attached to the main door .

FIONA PLUMPTON I'm following them .be ready
 when i bring them in and phone MACREA
 She jogs over the drawbridge taking the loose gravel path to the
 lakeside arriving just as the guests are alighting a gang plank to the
 submarine which has just emerged out of the Lake .
 PUMPTON Alright you lot I need an explanation
 WOSHAK WERE LEAVING and we have a new clinic
 ready in the north sea.
 PLUMPTON So why didn't you tell me earlier and
 more to the point does Duncan Macrea know
 RAY PARKER Tell him thanks for a nice day and will
 let him know later what we're up to .
 PLUMPTON Well he's gonna find out cos I'm coming
 with you , let me on board .
 WOSHAK Alright you can have the exclusive for
 science weekly .
 She climbs down a ladder and enters the bridge of the submarine .
 JEFFERSON DAVIS HOGG I bought this sub at auction
 little lady, from navy surplus this is captain CAPTAIN
 CAPTAIN ROGER CORWIN Dive to periscope depth and
 plot a course to EMERALD station .
 The submarine lowers into the water and manoeuvres out of Loch
 Lomond taking it quietly passed Inverness to EMERALD station in
 the North Sea .
 PLUMPTON What you got planned when you get to
 your new marine retreat .
 CAPTAIN ROGER CORWIN I'll show you on the map
 He takes her to the back of the bridge to a large table and lights up
 maps of Scotland .
 FIONA PLUMPTON Under cover of darkness you cruze past
 Inverness and out into the north sea to a secret rendezvous.
 BOSS HOGG That's about the size of it little
 lady.
 CAPTAIN ROGER CORWIN Now we're clear of English
 waters and on our way to the EMERALD STATION.
 PLUMPTON Now's your chance to persuade me not
 to go to the press about this secret .
 BOSS HOGG GO AHEAD AND PUBLISH LITTLE
 LADY, you can see us all in our tanks UNDER COMPUTER
 ASSISTED MEDICAL SUPERVISION .
 RAY PARKER Breathing in REM SLEEP .
 BOSS HOGG Monitored by NEIL and MARY LOISE

BELLAMY.



EXTRACT FROM THE DIARY OF STRINGFELLOW SHAW

Positive flight control and I didn't lose my luggage at carousel, we landed after a joyous 8h flight from Ecuador. We're full of pride that the TRAFALGAR GANG had crewed a galleon ship to the Galapagos Islands with fair winds in record time.

Then a bus made it back to Ipswich despite breaking down on the motorway.

New year at CARDINAL WOLSEY'S SCHOOL, multi day all year round no more school uniform that start of the sixth form college.

Lora is going to teacher training college but I'll keep a stiff upper lip, the rest of the lads are with me.

After recovering from jetlag, we meet up at St Luke's church hall.

LORA DENHAM i'm packed for MILTON KEENS, for our entry in JUGHEAD,

DAVID GARDNER Has your dad got the next match scheduled?

DAVID MANNING yeah it's with MOTHERCARE

As they get off the coach from Gatwick at IPSWICH town center

ANN gets a call from BASIL

BASIL Sorry to trouble you Ann I've got a party of guests that have gone missing with that young reporter from science weekly, without so much as a by your leave.

ANN Sorry Basil I can't stand the sight of gory entrails and neat blood brings me out in a rash.

GRAHAM In other words Basil says the word and the Trafalgar gang will be up quicker than you can say theory of parallel matter?

STANLEY Yes dad I'm just putting my books in my satchel.

BASIL Fiona left with our guests from GLOBAL

CHEMICALS after seeing them enter a submarine. She race down

me you've got a missing person and inappropriate use of company property .

BASIL I took FIONA up for some fresh air at the east wing and we found then waiting by the lockspied a submarine in the lock, as large submarine unexpectedly rose out of the loch FIONA raced to the dockside as they were alighting the submarine and I got a phone call as she went into the ship.

SIDNEY RATCHET Do you know where they are BASIL

ANN FITZGERALD Do you think you could find where the submarine was going?

BASIL Let me get the maps down from the top shelf and i'll show you .

The Wrinkled retainer uses a step ladder to retrieve maps from the top shelf of a book case then spreads it out on a desk by the fire.

STRINGFELLOW but if we pinpoint there destination how we gonna get there .

BASIL GLAD YOU ASKED Major Cowley is a good friend of mine and owns the HIGHLAND FLING ,a fast motor boat .

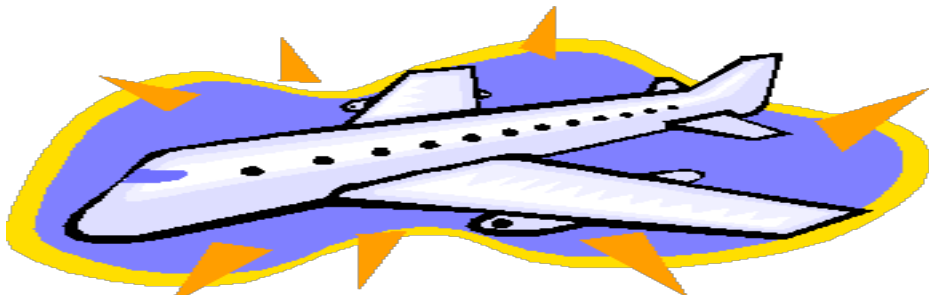
BASIL I noticed they took some interest in this map, and the submarine was clearly making for the river inlet .

JEROMY FITZ OLIVER Then it cruised past INVERNESS and was making for the NORTH SEA .

STANLEY RATCHET let's have lunch now ?

BASIL I'll see if the kitchen is open .

He walks from the fireplace across the maroon crushed velvet tiled carpet and retrieves an ornate tube from behind a curtain near the window and blows into it .Far downstairs a bell rings in the pantry where MARGARET is diligently rolling pasty .



A BOEING 767 LANDS AT HEATHROW WITH AN EMISSARY FOR JOHNNY RINGO-MIRACLES CAN HAPPEN-DUNCAN MACREA IS WAITING AT CAROUSEL FOR HIS LAUNDRY BASKET

MARLAINER
AT BELLEVIEW
MACREA
MOSCOW .

I'LL ORDER THAT WICKER BASKET
THAT'S IF MY SUITCASE ISN'T in

Just then the phone rings

BASIL Glad your back sir the balloons gone up
MICHAEL KILGARETH and those dreadful Texan oil barons are
after our company and I've taken charge in your absence .

MACREA I thought there was something fishy, them
wanting my castle nr INVERNESS for a skiing holiday .Hold the fort
till I get there .



The Trafalgar gang assemble near the roaring fire in the Oak
paneled dining room and are joined by BASIL .

BASIL President MACREA has given me full
authority over the house until he and marlainer get back .

DAVID GARDNER But your the groundsman your always
in charge.

LORA DENHAM You said you could get out to the NORTH
SEA .

STRINGFELLOW It'll take us the day with pack lunch to
get there .

BASIL I've got a speed boat though i haven't
used it in umpteen years and will need a quick service .

GRAHAM I'm a plumber so i'll fix it .

BASIL WALKS THE BLUE AND PINK LINOLEUM FLOOR TO THE
INTERCOM NEXT TO THE DOOR

BASIL MARGARET unpack Rachel and get the
puncture repair kit .

They follow the groundsman past the oak paneled base of the
staircase pulling heavy drapes aside to get to the stone staircase
and descend to a stone cavern with medevil equipment.They walk

past stone pillars and step up to the far wall containing stocks and chains near the lift to the SANCTUM .

Therte stands the IRON MAIDEN open with spikes sticking out of the door and a portrait of the MONA LISA,painted on the door .

BASIL Don't fall in the moat

MICHAEL SULLIVAN the grass is a bit slippery.

They step up three steps to the back door and out to a ledge , with the waters of the moat gently lapping the walls of the castle .

An inflatable boat is near the back door and they pull it through and into the waters of the moat .

BASIL Assemble the craft and I'll phone Major Cowley. He'll meet you halfway and take you past INVERNESS and out to sea.

TIM CURRY I'll be first on the foot pump.

LORA DENHAM I see from this map that the course of the river meets the lock five miles from here, we'll be there in 20 mins.

BASIL I'm on to the major now, you'll have to humor his eccentricities

They alight the dingy and And paddle under the moat to an inlet then into the lake .





.A large boat is waiting And they climber on board the HIGHLAND FLING .

MAJOR COWLEY AND how are the Trafalgar gang, have a spot of bother with a group of Americans, well we'll see about that .

Michael sullivan Here that lads , Major Cowley will take us past Inverness and find the submarine .JAMES GRAINGER Ready to go then all things ship shape a bristol fashioned

MAJOR COWLEY Hay willy can you send over a few haggis the chef hear doesn't ken a thing about cooking, he's tossing the caber at the highland games

STRINGFELLOW WHO'S THAT?

MAJOR COWLEY That's my manservant WILLY, they have the highland games here on the lock .

STRINGFELLOW Realy

MAJOR COWLEY yes all this is the setting for the games He points across the large waterfront

MAJOR COWLEY Though the residents committee stopped it in the end, made a buy law banning caber tossing and forbade the use of the lock to practice on .

STRINGFELLOW Practice on what

MAJOR COWLEY And those new tree's over there, look what they've done to them

MAJOR COWLEY BONSAI, Plot a course SSE, and keep her steady

WILLY SHOTS UP FROM THE GALLEY

WILLY There's either the biggest catch of fish in these waters or a large submarine coming up on the port bow captain. The trafalgar gang run out on deck to the side of the HIGHLAND FLING just as a huge submarine emerges from the depths.The

captain is the first out on deck with a large megaphone saying “
these are restricted waters prepare to be boarded”

STRINGFELLOW i'M from PANARAMA CHEMICALS and
this is my team, we are heading for one of our Riggs and have
authority.

CAPTAIN ROGER CORWIN

Come up on deck

MAJOR COWLEY

WILLY take the boat back and let

BASIL know .

WILLY

They don't brew the best soups in

the highlands for nothing major.

The trafilgar gang jump across onto the deck of the SUBMARINE
where FIONA PLUMPTON greets them .

MAJOR COWLEY

AH our missing reporter, I'm

working for president Macrea and demand a full explanation .

FIONA PLUMPTON

Me the only girl surrounded by
two hundred seaman you arrived in the nick of time.